IN THE USED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant(s): AOKI et al.

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Application No.: 10/084,657

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Title: FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND

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THEREOF

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Examiner: MICHALSKY, Gerald A

August 11, 2003

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Arlington VA 22202

Sir:

In response to a Restriction requirement mailed on July 17, 2003 in connection with the above application, Applicant hereby elects Invention I (claims 1 - 5, drawn to a conduit joint) without traverse.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

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